

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §41.33(b)  
Application Number 09/688,350

Our Ref: Q61020  
Art Unit: 2834

**REMARKS**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating, in the Examiner's Answer dated January 27, 2005, that claims 1 and 6 are now allowable, as the Examiner has withdrawn their rejection.

In response to the Examiner's Answer, Applicant has canceled the rejected claims 2, 4, 7 and 8, and has written objected to claims 3 and 5 in independent form.

Accordingly, Applicant notes that the pending appeal of claims 2, 4, 7 and 8 is now moot.

Accordingly, Applicant hereby requests the allowance of claims 1, 3, 5 and 6.

**Conclusion:**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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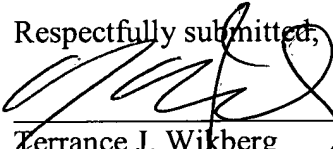
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